

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroshi HATAKAMA, et al.

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Examiner: Unassigned

For: PRODUCT INFORMATION SUPPLYING METHOD,
PRODUCT INFORMATION ACQUIRING METHOD,
PRODUCT INFORMATION REGISTERING METHOD AND
RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

7. The product information supply method according to claim 5, further comprising a step of providing the person who has made registration of the combination information with a reward based on the number of times a purchase of the related products have been made on the basis of the combination information registered by said person, or based on the number of times reference has been made to the Web page by the combination information.

8. The product information supply method according to claim 5, further comprising a step of determining priority of supplying the user with the combination information on the basis of the number of times a purchase of the related products have been made on the basis of the combination information, or based on the number of times reference has been made to the Web page by the corresponding combination information.

9. The product information supply method according to claim 5, further comprising a step of providing, from a seller who sells the related products or an operating person who operates the Web site, a managing person who manages the database with a reward based on the number of times a purchase of the related products have been made on the basis of the combination information registered by said person, or based on the number of times reference has been made to the Web page by the combination information.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed.

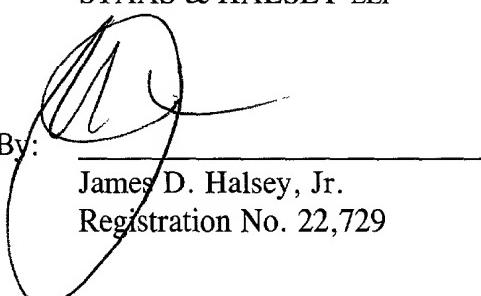
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary
Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE CLAIMS**

Please **AMEND** the following claims:

7. (ONCE AMENDED) The product information supply method according to claim [5 or 6] 5, further comprising a step of providing the person who has made registration of the combination information with a reward based on the number of times a purchase of the related products have been made on the basis of the combination information registered by said person, or based on the number of times reference has been made to the Web page by the combination information.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) The product information supply method according to claim [5 or 6] 5, further comprising a step of determining priority of supplying the user with the combination information on the basis of the number of times a purchase of the related products have been made on the basis of the combination information, or based on the number of times reference has been made to the Web page by the corresponding combination information.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) The product information supply method according to claim [5 or 6] 5, further comprising a step of providing, from a seller who sells the related products or an operating person who operates the Web site, a managing person who manages the database with a reward based on the number of times a purchase of the related products have been made on the basis of the combination information registered by said person, or based on the number of times reference has been made to the Web page by the combination information.